

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Only the roof is proposed to be constructed as temporary.

President : The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,985 under Demand XXI—Ayurveda for construction of two temporary sheds at the Bex Hill Bungalow for the accommodation of the Government Ayurveda College.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXII—FORESTS.

Mr. P. Raman Pillai (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 60,000 under Demand XXII—Forests, on account of additional expenditure under Conservancy and Works. The whole amount is intended to pay the arrear dues of the contractors for the work done during the last year.

Last year, if I am permitted to call it so, was a red letter year in the annals of the Forest Department in the matter of realisation of revenue. It was a record figure for the past many years. The department being a quasi-commercial concern, the increase of revenue naturally carries with it the expenditure also. The expenditure we had to incur last year had to be paid necessarily this year for want of provision last year.

Several other circumstances contributed to the increase of expenditure during the year. The monopoly of royalty had to cease from 13th Edavam and all the saleable trees had to be removed from Tract No. 2 which is called the middle tract. This tract covers about one-third of the whole area of the State from one end to the other. With the limited staff and provision, the department had to strain every nerve and exert extra pressure to complete the work in time. The quantity of timber that was removed during this period was in excess of the anticipated figure by over two lakhs. Side by side with this we had to remove teak trees from an area of 700 acres which had to be surrendered to the Edapalli Chief since that area happened to fall in Tract No. 2. This amounted to nearly one lakh seventy thousand cubic feet.

In view of the extensive development in the electric transmission and distribution and the extension of the main Telephone Trunk Line, the department had to supply a large number of teak saplings to meet the increasing demand. Over 45,000 cubic feet of timber and 25,000 saplings had to be collected from the plantations to meet this demand. As per the requisition of the Development Director for the demonstration of engineering designs and construction of competitive structures of ascu treated timbers the department had to supply large quantities of timber. These works

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could not be anticipated when the Budget was prepared. As a result, out of the provision of Rs. 4,68,300 sanctioned in the current year's budget, expenditure has already been met to the extent of Rs. 3,43,000 leaving a balance of about Rs. 1,25,000. This is quite insufficient and inadequate to meet the expenditure that the department is likely to meet for the quantity of timber yet to be delivered during the next three months.

From the foregoing reasons it will be clear that it is not possible to meet the expenditure that we are likely to incur in the coming three months with the available amount. I, therefore, request the House to consider this question and pray that this demand may be sanctioned.

President: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 60,000 under Demand XXII Forests on account of additional expenditure under Conservancy and Works.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—STAMPS.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 600 on account of additional expenditure under Contingencies 'Purchase of machinery, tools etc.,' in the budget of the Stamp Manufactory. The additional expenditure has been necessitated by the circumstance that Government decided during the current year to alter the design of the stamps and stamp papers. The first consignment of the plates in accordance with this new design has already arrived and Government have paid the first instalment due. The additional allotment now asked for is to run the normal activities of the department during the rest of the year. I therefore request the House to grant this sum.

President: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 600 under Demand XXIV—Stamps on account of additional expenditure under Contingencies 'Purchase of machinery, tools etc.,' in the budget of the Stamp Manufactory.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXX—F. PRESERVATION OF ORIENTAL LITERATURE.

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 625 under Demand XXX—F. Preservation of Oriental Literature for payment of annual maintenance charges of the Office building of the Curator for 1113, telephone charges and scavenging fee.